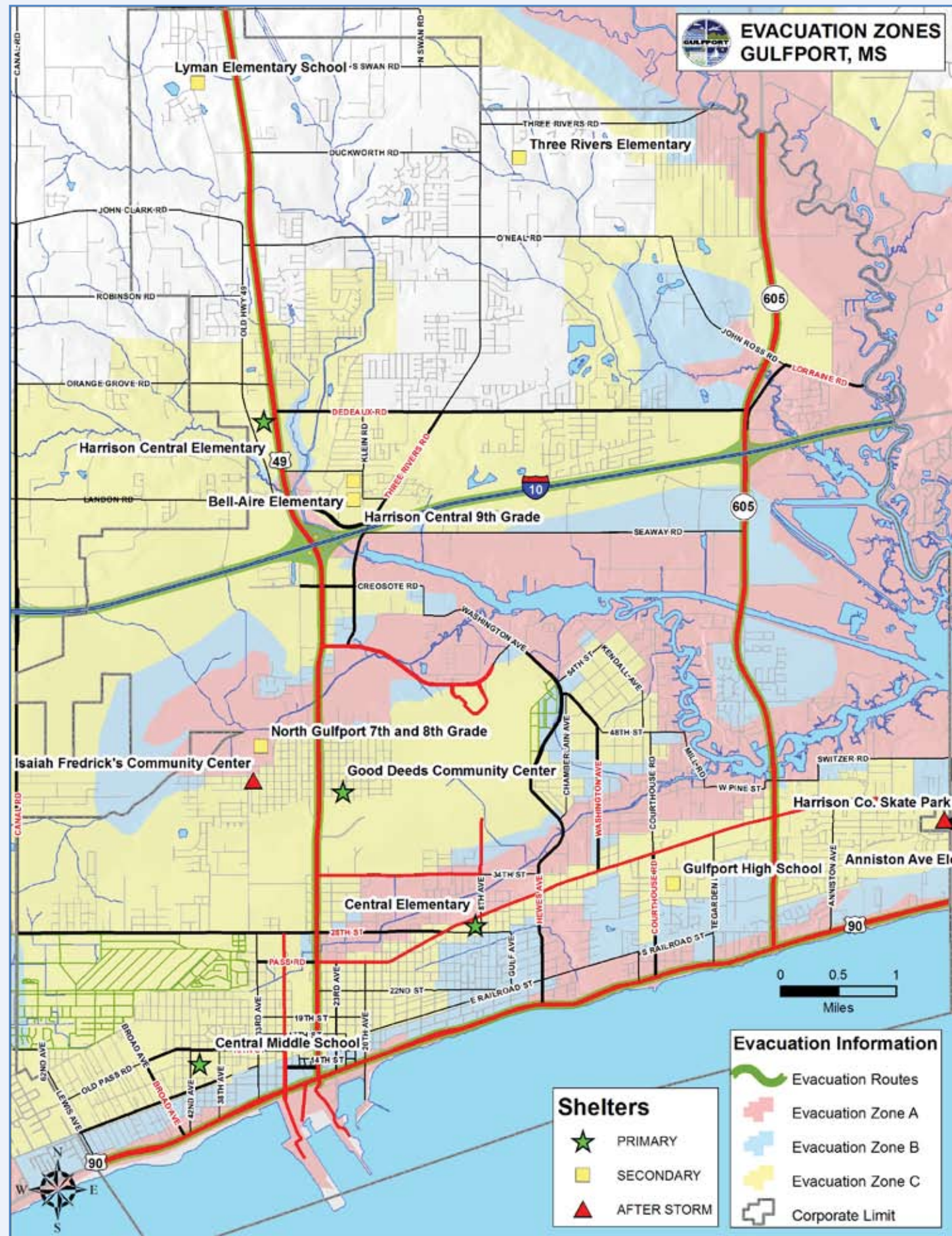


## HURRICANE EVACUATION MAP



# Gulfport at a GLANCE



The City of Gulfport, Mississippi

May/June 2008

## GEM AWARDS

### Celebrating Employees Who Go The Extra Mile



The City of Gulfport is proud to have so many loyal, efficient and inspiring employees who provide valuable services to our citizens every day. And now we're honoring your outstanding accomplishments with the GEM Awards – a new quarterly Employee Recognition Award program!

We'll recognize the efforts of employees who have made extraordinary contributions in their workplace or community. Winners will receive a celebratory luncheon at a local restaurant and a monetary gift certificate.

### Five Categories of Award Recognition

#### Outstanding Service

For employees who have exhibited unselfish devotion to duty far above expectations and who have significantly contributed to the advancement of City services to its citizens and/or employees.

#### Innovation

For employees who have initiated new and outstanding methods, practices, plans or designs – including productivity or efficiency methods.

#### Community Service

For employees who have made outstanding contributions by participating in, or implementing, community projects including volunteering and fundraising activities for community or non-profit organizations.

#### Safety & Heroism

For employees who have exhibited meritorious action to prevent injury or loss of life, or prevented damage to or loss of property.

#### Human Relations

For employees who have made outstanding contributions to enhancing the quality and morale of the workplace, or have created a better public image of city government including positive interaction with other employees and/or citizens.

**Do you know an employee who deserves recognition for going the extra mile? Nominate him or her for our new GEM Award!**

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Employees who have been employed for at least 90 days. Any employee who does not hold the title of Manager or Administrator. You may not nominate yourself.

### NOMINATING AN EMPLOYEE

An employee must meet one or more criteria in the award categories. Complete a nomination form and submit it to your department representative or to Human Resources (Attention GEM Committee.)

For complete guidelines, visit the "For Employees" section of the Human Resources web page at [www.ci.gulfport.ms.us](http://www.ci.gulfport.ms.us).

**Deadline for nominations: Monday, October 6.**



## IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU: Benefits & Wellness

### NEW BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR

Join us in welcoming our new Benefits Administrator, **Lynn Hill**! She comes to the City with over 14 years of Benefits and Workers' Compensation know-how. **Cheryl Millender**, Human Resources Manager, said, "Lynn has a wealth of benefits and customer service experience and will be a great asset to our department and the employees we serve." For information on any aspect of our City benefits package, contact **Lynn** at 868-5831 or [lhill@gulfport-MS.gov](mailto:lhill@gulfport-MS.gov).

### IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU: WELLNESS



#### IT'S TIME TO CLEAR THE AIR!

The U.S. Surgeon General, **Richard H. Carmona**, has released reports concluding there is no risk-free level of exposure to second-hand smoke. Non-smokers exposed to secondhand smoke at home or work increase their risk of developing heart disease by 25 to 30 percent and lung cancer by 20 to 30 percent. The finding is a major public health concern as nearly half of all non-smoking Americans are regularly exposed to second-hand smoke.

On March 18, the Gulfport City Council took action and passed an ordinance to eliminate smoking at all City facilities, public places and workplace – ensuring a smoke-free environment within the City of Gulfport.

**If you've been thinking about breaking your smoking addiction, there's help!** Memorial Hospital offers a FREE six-week tobacco cessation program. Call (228) 867-4022 for more information or to register. Space is limited, so call today!

### New HR Web Page

The Human Resources Department has a new web page designed to serve you better! Here's what you'll find: **The HR Staff Directory** - a Who's Who in the department. For Applicants: Information about employment opportunities and benefits.

**For Employees: News & updates, plus Employment Opportunities** (for those interested in promotions, transfers or job referral for friends and family) **Benefits** information with links to provider websites. **Wellness Clinic** information **A Forms Library** – the forms

we use are now available to you! Just print, complete and send back to us. You'll also find your policy manual, insurance plan document and insurance claim forms.

To locate our new web page, click on the City's website and choose the **Human Resources** link on the left-hand navigation bar.

We hope that you'll find this new site informative and easy to use! And as always, if you have questions or concerns about policies/procedures, benefits, or need our assistance you can always reach us at x5831.



### Relay for Life Exceeds Goal

We exceeded the City of Gulfport's goal of \$7,500 and raised \$11,200 to benefit the American Cancer Society! Team Captains & Co-Captains (respectively): **Natasha Tate & Billy Bragg** of Fire; **Lauren Germany** (Committee Chair) & **Denise Waizenegger** of General Administration/Legal/Council; **Merlissia Lewis & Mike Shaw**

of Police; **Carolyn Bobinger & Donna Farris** of Engineering/Public Works and **Anita Jones & Brenda McKay** of Municipal Courts. Said **Committee Chair Lauren Germany**, "On behalf of our Team Captains & Co-Captains, thanks to all employees who made this year's Relay a fantastic one by walking, donating, raising money or by participating in our various department fundraisers. Your generous support will help to make a difference in the fight against cancer – right here in our community."

### "Resilience – A Visual Portrayal"

**Hancock Bank • 14th St., downtown Gulfport • Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.** View a collection of Katrina-related and inspired video, photographs and original artwork. This compelling exhibit is presented by Gulfport Main Street Association. Contact **Lisa Bradley** at (228) 575-7794 or [lbradley@ci.gulfport.ms.us](mailto:lbradley@ci.gulfport.ms.us) for more information.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE (continued)

### OFFICERS OF THE MONTH



Detective Hugh Frazier

**Congratulations to Detective Hugh Frazier** – Gulfport's February Officer of the Month! **Detective Frazier** is a fourteen-year veteran, currently working as the Domestic Violence Detective. Following several larceny complaints, he determined that a group of two males and two females were acting in concert to distract the customers and steal wallets. Through an intensive investigation, **Frazier** identified several suspects as members of a large interstate theft ring. His diligence and effort will be instrumental in bringing the case to a positive conclusion. According to his supervisor, **Detective Frazier** is valued member of the Detective Division and has amazing work ethics.



Detective Justin Hayes

**Congratulations to Detective Justin Hayes** on his recognition as Officer of the Month for March! **Detective Hayes** is a five-year veteran of the department and was singled out because of his diligent work on a recent Grand Larceny case. **Hayes** was able to identify the suspect and ensure that the victim received the stolen property back within three days of the incident. According to his supervisor, **Detective Hayes** shows outstanding dedication to the citizens he serves on a daily basis.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

### FIREFIGHTERS HONORED

**Four City of Gulfport Firefighters were named Firefighter of the Year by the American Legion. Congratulations!**



(From left) Lieutenant Kevin Goveia, Firefighter Greg Landry, Firefighter Jess Traina & Engineer Glenn Parker.

### FUN IN THE SUN

On June 5, Fire Station 6, B Shift members **Lieutenant Steve Martin, Engineers David Scarborough, Curtis Prestwood, Kevin Groce** and **Firefighter Danny Coleman** answered an unusual request. Pass Road Elementary "Fan's Camp" asked to have water sprayed on their campers. The 100 kids loved it and our firefighters had a blast!



### INTEREST IN FIRE SAFETY HEATS UP!



**Deputy Fire Marshall Ing** (pictured) and **Inspector Richard Ritchie** taught a fire extinguisher class to 12 employees of Lincare.



**Inspector Richard Ritchie and Deputy Fire Marshal Joe Ing** taught a fire extinguisher class to 24 employees of Burger King at the Orange Grove Restaurant location. This was the second year in a row the restaurant has held this informative class for its staff.

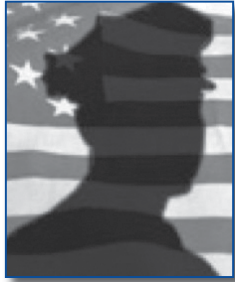


**Inspector Richard Ritchie** taught a fire extinguisher class to the staff of **Dr. Broom's** office. Here an employee puts out a fire on the simulator. Fire Prevention Bureau personnel also taught 12 staff members at the Gulf Coast Surgery Center how to properly use a fire extinguisher. This is the third year in a row the surgery center has held this vital training.

**If any one is interested in a fire extinguisher class or fire safety talk, please call the Gulfport Fire Department at 868-5950.**



## POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE



Walter Richardson  
March 12, 1900



Charles Dickey  
January 21, 1913



Jacob Otto Wolff  
September 8, 1937



Clifton Tillman  
July 3, 1943



Woodrow Scarborough  
May 5, 1970



Joe D. Spiers  
November 21, 1971



In 1962, **President John F. Kennedy** signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. On May 15 the Gulfport Police Department held its annual service to recognize the seven officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the City of

Gulfport. During the ceremony, **Mayor Brent Warr** read a Police Memorial Day proclamation. He and **Chief Alan Weatherford** spoke about the daily sacrifice of officers and the importance of men and women willing to serve their communities. **Chief Weatherford** also reminded participants to remember the two Gulfport firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice for the City. **Deputy Chief Alfred Sexton** concluded by recognizing the sacrifice of the family members of fallen officers and the daily sacrifices made by the families of those who currently serve. **Mrs. Peggy Blanchard**, surviving family member of **Officer Woodrow Wayne Scarborough**, was present for the ceremony. Gulfport High School students read the End of Watch eulogies and sang "Amazing Grace."



Captain Chris Loposser

**The Southern Police Institute is a division of the Department of Justice Administration at the University of Louisville.** Its mission is to enhance the professional development of law enforcement professionals. Congratulations to **Captain Chris Loposser** for successfully completing the course and for receiving the Highest Grade Point Average Award!



### OFFICERS RECOGNIZED BY M.A.D.D.

**Officer Greg Anderson** was recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (M.A.D.D.) for his efforts in removing 175 impaired drivers from the roadways of Gulfport in 2007 – the highest total by any police officer in the six coastal counties and the third highest in the State of Mississippi! In addition, **Officer Adam Dedeaux** was recognized for making over 100 DUI arrests and **Officer Jason Auge** for 67 DUI arrests in 2007. The three were honored at a ceremony in Jackson, MS sponsored by the Mississippi Office of Highway Safety. Congratulations!



Officer Gregory Anderson



Officer Adam Dedeaux



Officer Jason Auge

### POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES

Police recruits in Mississippi must attend a state sanctioned Academy within two years of their hire date. The Mississippi Board of Minimum Standards and Training oversees the Academies which certify an officer with enforcement powers of state and local laws. The 10-week course includes classroom instruction as well as practical application of law enforcement skills. The second class of 2008 graduated on May 30 and included 10 officers from the Gulfport Police Department. Congratulations to **Patrolmen Walter Brightman, Paul Rhodes, Brandon Bang, Trey Payne, Jeremy Necaie, John Cuhna, Michael Hauler, Tim Bean, Bradley Barta and Nicholas Olds.**

Special congratulations go to **Patrolman Jeremy Necaie**, honored with the Academic Award for his class!

## LEISURE SERVICES

### SENIORS SHINE ON TRACK

The Department of Leisure Services sponsored its first Senior Day of Fun at the Gulfport High School's Track and Field facility on Saturday, April 26. Participants ranging from 51 to 86 years old competed in events including shot put and long jump, as well as a two-mile Fun Run and 50, 100, 200 and 400 meter dashes. The 31 senior athletes had a great time and posted some excellent times! Refreshments were provided by the Department of Leisure Services. Next year's event should be bigger and better with entrance open to county residents. With the City of Biloxi indicating a willingness to join the fun, we should have a great event in 2009. For information on future senior events, contact **Robert Locke** at 297-6598.



### HERSHEY UPDATE

On June 7, the first place winners in the Gulfport competition advanced to the State Final held at the Gulfport High School Track Facility. The 48 Gulfport athletes competed for a chance to score the ultimate prize – a trip to the 32nd North American Final Meet in Hershey, PA. (State Finals winners are entered in a regional pool. There they become eligible for selection to the regional team which will participate at the North American Finals.)

The Games are the longest-running youth fitness program of its kind in North America and are designed to encourage youth physical fitness while emphasizing sportsmanship through basic track and field events such as running, jumping and throwing. Open to boys and girls ages nine through 14, its goal is to attract 500,000 participants to compete in local, district, state and provincial meets. 550 young athletes will participate in the final event held in Hershey, PA, July 31 – August 2. In addition to the competition, they'll have the chance to enjoy the fun of **HERSHEY PARK** and meet track and field legends including Olympians **Carl Lewis** and **Bruce Jenner**.

For more Hershey Track & Field events information, contact **Larry Davis** at 861-1212.

## DEPARTMENTAL NEWSLETTER CONTACTS

Have some news? Let us know! Send your digital pictures, JPGS and other electronic files to

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Leisure Services	Kerri Jones	868-5881	<a href="mailto:kjones@ci.gulfport.ms.us">kjones@ci.gulfport.ms.us</a>
Municipal Courts	Chandra Moore	868-5866	<a href="mailto:cmoore@ci.gulfport.ms.us">cmoore@ci.gulfport.ms.us</a>
Police Department	Mike Saucier	868-5900	<a href="mailto:msaucier@ci.gulfport.ms.us">msaucier@ci.gulfport.ms.us</a>
Public Works	Sherry Beavers	868-5741	<a href="mailto:sbeavers@ci.gulfport.ms.us">sbeavers@ci.gulfport.ms.us</a>
Urban Development	Isaac Williams	868-5710	<a href="mailto:iwilliams@ci.gulfport.ms.us">iwilliams@ci.gulfport.ms.us</a>

### URBAN DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

**Harry Wheeler**, Urban Development Inspections Manager, is assuming the responsibilities of Emergency Management Coordinator while **Rick Weaver** is deployed overseas.

**Learn more about Gulfport's renewal online!** The following link leads to new legislation regarding "Gulfport's Greater Authority to Address Code Enforcement Issues." Urban Development Director **Larry Jones**, said, "This legislation provides an opportunity to remove large structures damaged by Katrina that have been abandoned by property owners." Click on <http://www.gulfcoastnews.com/GCNnewsGulfportDemolition052808.htm> to view.

### HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE

With the 2008 hurricane season upon us, it's critical that everyone plans an evacuation route **BEFORE** being faced with an impending storm.

The City's Hurricane Plan has been revised and a Hurricane Hotline Number has been established to keep employees informed if there is a threat to the Mississippi Gulf. For more information on the Hurricane Plan and Hotline, please speak with your supervisor.



**TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO STUDY THE EVACUATION ZONES MAP ON PAGE EIGHT. TEAR IT OUT AND STICK IT ON YOUR FRIDGE OR KEEP IT WITH YOUR HURRICANE SUPPLIES.**

The map was furnished by our Information Systems GIS division. Special thanks go to **Mike Miller**, Senior GIS Analyst, for his assistance.



MILESTONES

BABIES ON BOARD!

Firefighter Derek Angle and wife Danyelle had a beautiful baby girl May 5. Aniyah Angle weighed 8 lbs, 9 ounces.

Greg Holmes, Sr. (Urban Development) and Clotee Holmes are the proud parents of Gregory Holmes, Jr. born on April 30 weighing 7 lbs, 8 ounces.

WELCOME ABOARD NEW HIRES!

Aaron Epaule	Admin. Asst. III	Christopher Werner	Patrol Officer
Linda Otto	Planning Technician	Bradley Worthington	Patrol Officer
Jonathan Smith	Flood Plain Manager	Pam Heiter	Deputy Court Clerk
Roslyn Chapman	Police Dispatcher	Sharon Spiers	Deputy Court Clerk
Johnathan Malley	Firefighter Recruit	Carlos Kotsakos	GSE I

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PROMOTION!

Isaac Williams	Planner I
Charles Thurman	Auto Shop Foreman



Aniyah Angle



Gregory Holmes, Jr.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



JUNE

- 3 Nicole White, Cristie King, Patricia Hinson & Michael Favre
- 4 Archie Fitch, Melvin Barkum & David Hansen
- 6 Jason Auge, Gregory Herman & Candace Payne
- 7 Nancy Huggins & David Niles
- 8 David Hammons, Russell Ramage, Dawn Standberry & Gary Stewart
- 9 Barbara Kimball
- 10 Barbara Hartmann & Terence Stapleton
- 11 Barbara Weatherford & Anthony Knight
- 12 Ramona Ervin & David Cochran
- 14 Leon Joyce & Cecelia McCaffrey
- 15 Bryan Dodge
- 17 Donald Ison & Todd Thriffiley
- 18 Candice Lopper
- 19 Rochelle Moore, Betty Stevens & Pamela Winston
- 20 Angela Moore, Nicholas Decoronado & Wallace Blount
- 21 James Rippy, Carolyn Bobinger, James Dyer & Jack O'Brien
- 22 Dorothy Locks, Cheryl Millender & Brian Smith
- 23 Amanda Evelyn, Alan Andres & Joshua Agent
- 24 James Groce, Scott Peterson, Scott Stuckey & Brandon Wallace
- 25 David D'Aquilla
- 26 Junior Husband, Jason Edwards, Neil Resh, Michael Saucier & Paul Schroeder
- 27 Marty Capers
- 28 Robert Norwood, Karen Resh & Vincent Sipriano
- 29 Alvin Chase, Clay Anderson & Kathy Miller
- 30 Larry Anderson, Charles Beech & Heather Dailey

JULY

- 1 Dewey Himel, Sr.
- 2 Sarah Lizana & Roger Gibson
- 3 Donald Galster, Patrick Weatherford, David Ornsbey & Torrey Johnson
- 5 Michael Groce, Randall Brown & Sabrena Davis
- 6 Donnie Jenkins & Peter McNair
- 7 Mark Scarborough & William Leidigh
- 8 Jesse Gansen
- 9 Mary Gates, David Thomas, Michael Hamers, Alvin Kingston & Chad Asher
- 10 Brittany Duhon, Bobby Johnson, Rita Davis, Thomas Lane & Jeremy Necaie
- 11 Bobbie Brown & Stephen Carlson
- 12 Diane Ragas & Gregory Graves
- 13 James Ward, Yolanda McArthur, Timothy Adams & Chelcia Bass
- 14 Andrew Thompson
- 15 Richard Baragar & Tawana Dedeaux
- 16 Johnathan Malley
- 17 Randall Wales & Marlin Ladner
- 18 Shirley Richardson, Richard Boone, Glen Holden & Billy Kelley
- 20 Danny Holloway, Joey Shaw & Gregory Goodman
- 21 James Doss, Lynette Garriga & LaTonya Wallace
- 22 Norman Pope, Wayne Kuehling, Kelsey Bush, Jolene Johnson, John Ellis & Sherry Beavers
- 23 Jessica Kendziorek, Andrew Lott & Joseph Garrett
- 24 Anna Vu & Russel Ramage
- 25 Debra James, Arthur Weaver & Roslyn Chapman
- 27 Jessie Fitzgerald, Gregory Warr, Jennifer Dubuisson & Nathan Powell
- 28 Charles Head & Melissa Wangerin
- 29 John Tillis & Mark Collins
- 30 Gary Joffrion
- 31 Teresa Chapman & Dewey Himel, Jr.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES & THEIR FAMILIES!

NAME	SCHOOL	DEGREE EARNED	RELATIVE	RELATIONSHIP	DEPARTMENT
Lauren Germany	USM	BSBA, Human Resources Mgt.	Rebecca K. Kajdan	Son	Human Resources
Thomas "Alex" Kajdan	Gulfport High	H.S. Diploma	Mark Bridenbeck	Wife	Mayor's Office
Tammy Bridenbeck	Gulfport High	Assoc. Degree, Business Admin.	Rita Davis	Daughter	Public Works
Kristen Davis	Harrison Central	H.S. Diploma	Ted Molesworth	Son	Urban Development
Charlie Molesworth	Long Beach High	H.S. Diploma	Lt. Wade Beesley	Daughter	Urban Development
Brittany Rodgers	Stone High	H.S. Diploma	Lt. Wade Beesley	Son	Fire
Cody Beesley	Stone High	H.S. Diploma			Fire
Billy Stage	USM	MBA	Mary Collins	Daughter	Police
Tiffany Collins	MSU	BS, Special Education	Chief Pat Sullivan	Step-daughter	General Finance
Meredith Meadow	Gulfport High	H.S. Diploma	Chief Derek Ladner	Son/Nephew	Fire
Jesse M.E. Ladner	Harrison Central	H.S. Diploma	& Sgt. Mike Saucier		Fire/Police
Christy Farnier-Thompson	MGCCC	Assoc. Degree, Criminal Justice Tech.			
Allison Stachura	USM	BSBA, Management Info. Systems	Nancy Chisolm	Daughter	Police
Amanda Chisolm	MSU	BSBA, Marketing	Donald Myers	Daughter	Police
Mallory Myers	Gulfport High	H.S. Diploma	Det. Lynette Garriga	Daughter	Police
Jessica Harmon	Bakers College	Assoc. Degree Medical Assistant/Health Science			
Christopher T. Ramage	USM	BS, Recreation Administration	Rusty Ramage	Son	Leisure Services
Matthew B. Sullivan	MGCCC	Assoc. Degree, Graphic Design	Brian Stewart	Nephew	Police
Luther K. Thomas	MS. Natl. Guard	H.S. Diploma	Belinda Thomas	Son	Municipal Court
Matilda Welch	Youth Challenge Academy				
	MGCCC	Assoc. Degree, Childhood Education			Urban Development

